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TECHNICAL—(PUBLIC WORKS.)

(Nos. 160 to 163.)

Summary of Discussion.—The question of giving telephone connections to private firms and houses may be investigated and the system introduced early.

Reply of Government.—The probable number of houses for which connections will be required will be ascertained and further necessary action taken in the matter as early as practicable.

SUBJECT No. 160.

Telephone connections to private firms and houses in the cities of Bangalore and Mysore.

Messrs. H. Krishnappa, Bangalore City Municipality, and M. Ramachandra Rao Scindia, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore.

Summary of Discussion.—Repairs to major *nalas* are undertaken by Government, while those of branch *nalas* are left to the raiyats themselves who cannot be expected to take trouble to see to the proper distribution of water up to the tail-end. As this system has got several disadvantages, repairs to branch *nalas* also may be undertaken by Government.

Reply of Government.—The matter will be investigated. The Chief Engineer and the Revenue Commissioner will examine and send up their report embodying their proposals.

SUBJECT No. 161.

Annual maintenance of branch *nalas* at Government cost.

Messrs. K. Naranappa and G. Komaraiah, Hole-Narsipur Taluk, and Bale Venkatasamaiya, Hole-Narsipur Municipality.

Summary of Discussion.—Many tanks are silted up and their capacity decreased. In some of the tanks there will be no water and consequently crops fail year after year. As raiyats pay contribution for maintenance, necessary works for increasing the capacity may be done by Government or the *atchkat* under such tanks revised to include those lands which are not being irrigated for a number of years for want of water.

Reply of Government.—Complete relief by way of increasing the capacity is not possible. What relief could be given will be considered if specific cases are reported.

SUBJECT No. 162.

Restoration of the silted tanks to their original capacity.

Mr. Narayanaswami Chetty, Chikballapur Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Effective steps may be adopted for the speedy restoration of minor tanks.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 163.

Speedy restoration of minor tanks.

Messrs. N. S. Nanjundiah, H. Boranna and K. Mahadevappa, Hassan Taluk, and H. V. Rangaswami, Hassan Town Municipality.

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